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Stingers

Offensive guru Gerry McGrath named Concordia head coach

Concordia University Director of Recreation and Athletics Harry Zarins is pleased to announce Gerry McGrath has been hired as the full-time coach of the Stinger football program.

"I'm very happy," said McGrath. "I'm very excited and eager about the 2001 season. This job is fulfilling a life-long mandate to work with young people and to make a difference in their future."

Gerry McGrath, 41, takes over the reins of the Stingers after serving as offensive co-ordinator for eight years and interim head coach in the 2000 season. At the end of last year, a committee which included player representation, reviewed all the applications for the head coach position and decided McGrath was the best person to lead the team in the new millennium.

"I'm very pleased to have a respected football coach with extensive knowledge of the university game at the helm of our football program," Zarins said. "In addition to being very knowledgeable, Gerry has a lot of experience working with student-athletes and a deep concern for the well-being of his players."

McGrath, a kicker, played in the CFL from 1980-'86 with the Montreal Alouettes and Concordes, Toronto, Ottawa and Saskatchewan. All the while the Montreal native proved to be an ardent student of the game. He has kept in-depth notes and files on football strategies for more than 20 years.

He is regarded as an offensive genius, especially when it comes to the passing game. His innovations as a coach at the Quebec junior and semi-professional levels have heavily influenced the game in the province of Quebec. He is very adept at developing a pro-style offence and preparing receivers to play at the professional level.

Currently, three of his students are playing in the CFL. André Bolduc and Sylvain Girard suit up for the Montreal Alouettes, and Denis Montana won a Grey Cup last fall as a member of the B.C. Lions. Both Girard and Montana attended NFL camps before signing CFL contracts.

McGrath takes over from Pat Sheahan, who resigned last winter after 11 years at the helm of the Stingers. McGrath is just the fourth head coach in the 27-year history of Concordia football.

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